

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

According to Mario Klarer (2004: 14), Literature in any current encyclopedia and you will be struck by the vagueness of its usage as well as by an inevitable lack of substance in the attempts to define it. In most cases, literature is referred to as the entirety of written expression, with the restriction that not every written document can be categorized as literature in the more exact sense of the word. The definitions, therefore, usually include additional adjectives such as “aesthetic” or “artistic” to distinguish literary works from texts of everyday use such as telephone books, newspapers, legal documents, and scholarly writings.

Feminist theory is a major branch of theory within sociology that is distinctive for how its creators shift their analytic lens, assumptions, and topical focus away from the male viewpoint and experience according to Giddens, A. (1991).

According to America literary critic bell hooks (1984) (in Mandel, 1994:4), feminism establishes a social, economic, and political commitment to eliminate race, class, sexual domination and to recognize society so that individual self-development takes precedence over imperialism, economic expansion, and material desires.

Motherhood is the figure of the many people like son any the situation. She who sacrificing with hard it we can to be happy, although in the truth that she own never got the happy that, because for a mother, his son is who first deserve all.

Motherhood is reflected in the behavior of compassion and kind to children and families. Although sex and having gender same, of the nature of motherly can grow in instinct of a mother, because she that bore, delivery and took care of him to adult, so the development of psychomotor the child gets was since she Amish in the womb. So Motherhood sacrificing lives by his child.

In this study the author connects the nature of motherhood with feminism theory because that theory entirety covers about women, because of the nature of motherhood is only owned by a woman. And of this novel is a woman who is the mother of Beatrice Prior.

Veronica Roth was born in New York on August 19th 1988; she is the youngest of three children. She was raised primarily in Barrington, Illinois after her parents divorced when she was five. After graduated from Barrington High School, she enrolled in Carleton College in Minnesota. One year at Carleton, then, she transferred to Northwestern University in Illinois and graduated with a degree in creative writing.

Veronica begins popular with his trilogy novel that is the first novel is *Divergent* (published on 2011), these novels were sold by Veronica Roth to Summit Entertainment to be adapted become a film. *Divergent's* Film was released in March 2014

The novel is *Divergent* has great character and characterization. Tris as main character who has complete name Beatrice Prior, in this novel is very powerful and brave woman. Beatrice prior born in 16th and, she has mother who loved her so. Like when will election factions, her mother has give him any good advice faction that is right chosen may that you're best to Beatrice in the future.

Every teenager at the age of 16 years will be through a proficiency test to help them determine their dominant personality and character, which will determine which factions, should be their choice. And if none of the factions that fit (read: not talented in anything), they will not have a faction / factionless who will stay in the streets according to Sasmita, Syiffa Octariani (2014).

Beatrice was in faction Abnegation are not selfish, was not fit to be in faction where family, simplicity and gray are always filled his days. He was too selfish to be in the current faction and too wanted to be free to remain cooped up with all the absurd regulations in Abnegation, but he also did not want to leave his family.

On the day where Proficiency Tests will be done, it turned out he had three results suits her faction-which is unusual and rare among the community. Tori, aptitude test examiner told him that he should keep the test results to anyone that he is a Divergent, community leaders Divergent considers it dangerous.

Finally, on the day of the election faction Beatrice saw her brother Caleb were moved faction factional-here Erudite faction is the faction most-not-familiar with the faction Abnegation-and he was free to choose between a faction or factions

Abnegation Dauntless full freedom. But eventually, he shed his blood into a bowl containing coal which symbolizes the Dauntless faction.

Before entering factions, one faction must pass the test determination (proficiency test) when was the age of sixteen. Beatrice Prior or better known as Tris (Shailene Woodley) is one of them. However, when tested, he felt something was wrong. Apparently, the results Tris relatively balanced level between factions blend Abnegation, Dauntless and Erudite, which shows that he is a Divergent.

A woman named Tori (Maggie Q) who is testing himself asked to keep the identity of self-Tris as Divergent. Because, in addition to different groups Divergent considered very dangerous and will harm other factions.

So from that Tris had to fight to be accepted in the dauntless faction her always proud of. She tried to pass the test of courage which at times can be life threatening it.

Whardhani (2015: 2) explain that the term of sex and gender are familiar in social life. Sex and gender which are attributed in a person are different each other. Sex is the organ adheres in human body since they born until grow up and it is natural. On the other hand, gender is the characterization which is constructed by social based on the sex. The concept of gender leads the different treatment and stereotypes between men and women. Redefinitions of female stereotype are found in literary works, which is found in Veronica Roth's novel entitled *Divergent*. This novel tells about Tris mother's who red finites female stereotypes.

This research uses the feminist approach to analyze Tris mother's characteristics in fighting for the opportunity to develop her potential in another faction, suitable with her characteristics. During her struggle, Tris mother's shows that there is the redefinition of female stereotype in her motherhood characteristics.

Motherhood owned Betrice's mother in the novel *Divergent* it is worth to analyze because this mother very keep Betrice under any circumstances and will never let her miserable. Anything else done Betrice in faction new her mother always know, so if Betrice being in a state of I had however way his mother to meet him he did, until the time comes when Betrice will do the last test in Dauntless, his mother find them to say that the last test this would harm Betrice because in fact her mother had known the results of the first test Betrice, if she is not Dauntless but she is Divergent.

The surprising fact is when Tris know that one of the instructors, Four, also a Divergent. Tris and Four still trying to survive in the midst of political competition and want to get rid of the Divergent. Especially justice of Erudite (led by a genius and dangerous, Jeanine Matthews (Kate Winslet) who seek his faction became the biggest faction. Plus his brother, Caleb (Ansel Elgort) were elected into factions

Based on the above data, the authors analyze feminist novel Divergent approaches to determine the nature of Tris mothers in these novels entitled “**Motherhood reflected in Veronica Roth's *Divergent* Novel (2011): A Feminist Perspective**”.

B. Previous Study

Divergent is a novel written by Veronica Roth and becomes phenomenal after published in 2011 by Harper Collins Publisher in New York.

The first study of this novel conducted by Ajeng Sito Larasati (Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta: 2016), the writer analyzes the *Divergent Trilogy* novel using sociological approach to dig up Veronica Roth's perspective about pessimistic future in these novels entitled **Pessimistic Future in Veronica Roth's *Divergent Trilogy* novel (2011-2013): A Sociological Approach**. To achieve the purpose of the study, the writer analyzes the novel on its nature of literary, nature of author and nature of society.

Second study was conducted by Sylvia Indah Arlita from Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta entitles **A Translation Analysis on Verb Phrase in *Divergent* Novel** by Anggun Prameswari (2015). It was a linguistic study. In her research, she identifies translation of verb phrase and describes the accuracy translation of verb phrase that found in *Divergent* novel.

Third study research is created by Nasreen Abdallah Eldoliefy from North Dakota University entitled ***Societies of Control in Young Adult Literature: The Panoptic World of Veronica Roth's Trilogy Divergent* (2015)**. In his research, Nasreen explain about Foucault's concept of panopticism to demonstrate the containing nature of the trilogy. The novel represents a repressive ideological agenda that reinforces certain social order and identity on its characters.

Fourth study was conducted by Irfan Rejiansyah from (Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta: 2017), entitled **Rebellion Reflected in Veronica Roth's (2011): A Marxist Theory**. How is Rebellion reflected in *Divergent* novel the objectives of this research is to analyze based on Marxist approach as a major theory and Rebellion is issue.

Based on the previous study, the writer observes *Divergent* Novel by using feminist approach. Therefore, the writer constructs the title **“Motherhood Reflected in Veronica Roth's *Divergent* Novel (2011): A Feminist Perspective.”**

C. Problem Statement

The main problem of this study is “Why does the mother Beatrice Prior want to risk her life to save her son when the great of war going on?”

D. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are mentioned as follows:

1. To explain why she told Tris that his final test will be threatened in *Divergent* novel (2011) based on the feminist Approach.
2. To describe how natural motherhood this time to help Tris when war in the region happened. A feminist Approach.

E. Limitation of the Study

In this study, the writer's focuses on the analysis of Motherhood in Veronica Roth's *Divergent* Novel (2011) based on the Feminist Approach

F. Benefits of the Study

This research is conducted in order to have benefits as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefits

Provides information and contributes to expanding the knowledge in particular in the field of Literature at the Novel.

2. Practical Benefits

Provide information, knowledge, and insight personal greetings develop language at reading novel written in English. The study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience for the writer in many things and for other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or for other universities where has the same interest in literary study on the literature from a sociological approach.

G. Paper of Organization

The research paper of “Motherhood reflected in Veronica Roth’s *Divergent* Novel (2011): A Feminist Perspective” is divided in thirty-nine chapters. The details of the paper organization are: Chapter one is Introduction. It consists of background of the Study, Problem Statement, Limitation of the Study, Objectives of the Study, Benefits of the Study, and Paper Organization. Chapter two is Literature review. It consists of Previous Study and Underlying Theory. Chapter three is Research Method. It consists of Object of the Research, Types of the Data and the Data Source, Technique of data Collection, and technique of data Analysis. Chapter four is Feminist Analysis of Veronica Roth’s novel *Divergent*. Chapter five is Conclusion and Suggestion.